

Welcome

by Bill Krol (LDCC Chair)

Welcome to the Liberton & District Community Council (LDCC) Summer Newsletter.

There is lots to report this issue with a new Local Interest Group associated with the Community Council and the success of the Liberton Gala Day. We are also looking ahead to a new initiative by the South East Locality Committee as well as the next Community Clean Up.

If you have any local concerns, we invite you to attend our meetings to discuss the concern with us. Details of how to contact us:

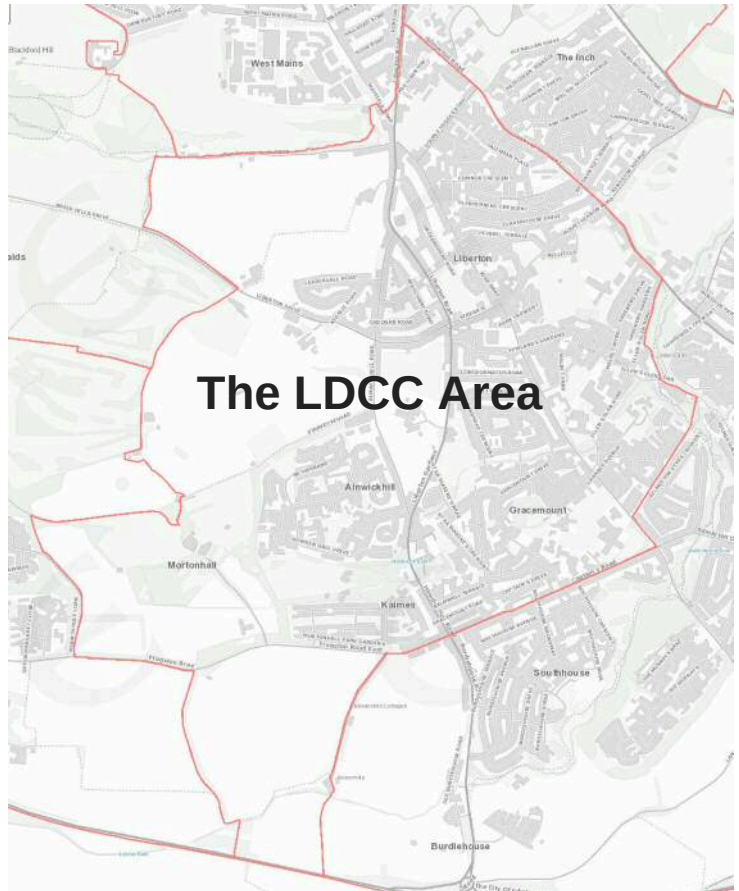
The LDCC hold public meetings on the **last Monday** of the months of Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, Jun, and Aug starting at 7pm at the Liberton Kirk Halls, Kirkgate.

Contact the LDCC via **email**:
mail@libertondistrict.org.uk

Or by **post** at Liberton Kirk Halls

If you would like to receive more information from the LDCC, join our **mailing list** here:
<http://eepurl.com/cS1AHT>

Our **website** is a great source of information:
www.libertondistrict.org.uk



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Local Interest Groups

by Amy Richards



The LDCC is **welcoming the Friends of Seven Acre Park** as a new local interest group to join the 4 groups already associated with the community council: Friends of St Katharine's Park, the Gracemount Community Project, Liberton Association, and South Edinburgh Churches Acting Together.

We **can support 1 more local interest group**. Get in touch if you are interested by emailing: mail@libertondistrict.org.uk



Community Walkabouts

by Amy Richards

The South East Locality Committee has developed a new initiative to help deliver on the aims of the South East Locality Improvement Plan - **Community Walkabouts**. During these walkabouts, community councils will discuss local concerns with key officials in the City of Edinburgh Council, as well as local Councillors.

This will produce **deliverable actions** to **improve the quality of life** of local residents. Specifically the focus is on the following areas: increase residents' feeling of safety, promote well-being, promote pride in the area, and develop environmental improvements.

The LDCC will be having their Community Walkabout in **October**. From matters raised by members of the public at our meetings, these are the key matters that the LDCC will discuss at the Community Walkabout:

- 1) The introduction of parking restrictions near major road junctions
- 2) The re-surfacing of key roads

If you have an idea of something additional that you would like us to discuss at the Community Walkabout then let us know:

mail@libertondistrict.org.uk

We are looking forward to reporting the outcomes of the Walkabout in our next Newsletter.



Liberton Gala Day

by Bill Krol

The first Liberton Gala Day was held at Liberton Kirk Halls on a glorious summer's day on Sat 30th June. It brought together a **range of community groups** and was attended by approximately 150 people.

Food and drink was provided by the excellent Kirkgate Café as well as the Liberton Scouts and David Colley (District leader) who manned a burger stall as well as providing teas and coffees from a large open-sided tent. The Liberton Guides were also on hand to serve ice cream and treats.

The two church halls allowed a wide variety of local groups to showcase their interests on **stalls, 25 in total**. Many of the groups associated with the Kirk halls had stalls as well as the local interest groups associated with the community council. Environmental groups such as Transition Edinburgh South, Bridgend Garden, and Inch House were also on hand with informative leaflets and friendly conversation.

Some stalls also opted to **raise money for charity** with the Liberton branch of Bank of Scotland selling books to raise funds for their charity of choice Mental Health UK. Rosy Carmichael, of Liberton Association, set up a plant stall stocked with a brilliant selection of herbs, shrubs and flowering plants. Proceeds of the plant stall went to Marie Curie Hospice.

Outside there were **games** for all the family, with a beat the goalie and a golf test where you had to chip a practice golf ball through holes in a board roughly 2 meters away. Everyone enjoyed the magnificent Kirk Hall garden.

All in all the Gala Day was a great success and we hope that everyone had a relaxed and enjoyable day. We hope that people left with an **increased awareness of the community groups on their doorsteps**. Those running the stalls were glad of the opportunity to network with local residents.

The Gala Day would not have been possible without the Liberton Kirk. In particular, **special thanks is given to Derek Jardine** of both Liberton Kirk and the LDCC whose organisation made the event possible. We would also like to thank the police for being with us for the day.



Have Your Say on New Housing Development

by Jim Henry

The Scottish Government is currently reviewing the latest housing development plan, SESPlan2, which will confirm the numbers of new housing developments in Edinburgh until 2030. These housing developments will be split as 62% social housing and 38% private housing. If SESPlan2 is approved, the City of Edinburgh Council will **start to identify sites for new housing up to 2030** and this is likely to include areas in the South East of Edinburgh.

You can be involved in the process so look out for more details in the next LDCC newsletter or keep an eye on the planning section of our website: <https://libertondcc.wordpress.com/trial-area/>

Glenvarloch Clean Up Event

by Amy Richards

The LDCC have been involved in a number of Community Clean Up events in the Gracemount area. In collaboration with Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace and the City of Edinburgh Council, we are **keen to improve the environment** for residents in our local area.



We have decided to spread our wings and so the **next clean up** event is taking place in Glenvarloch on **Sunday 7th October at 2 pm**. We will **meet at the play park on Glenvarloch Crescent**. We would love it if you came along to help out. All you need to bring is appropriate clothing and we will provide the litter picks, bin bags, and some food and drink for afterwards. Those under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

We are also planning to get involved in the **Scottish Clean Up** in the Spring so keep an eye on our website for details. If you are hoping to attend the next Clean Up or would like to suggest an area that needs a litter pick then please get in touch: mail@libertondistrict.org.uk

